

SITUATION REPORT NO. 26
INCIDENT NO. 2000-016
DATE: August 23, 2000 TIME: 3:30 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Flooding and ground saturation – Due to a series of storms and high water tables, resulting from eight years of consecutive flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGES: No change since previous report.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous report.
STATE: No change from previous report.
FEDERAL: No change from previous report.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross has two open cases in Devils Lake as of August 22.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On August 21, Governor Schafer requested that FEMA-1334-DR-ND be amended to include August 11 and 12 for Benson and Ramsey Counties and the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe as eligible for Public Assistance, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and Individual Assistance . The request is related to damages occurring during a severe thunderstorm that struck the area August 11-12.

As of August 23, Job Service North Dakota received 4,277 claims and paid \$2,511,000 in Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits to farmers, ranchers, farm workers, migrant workers and other self-employed individuals who have lost income because of disaster conditions. The deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has been extended until August 25. [The effective date for DUA claims is April 8, 2000.](#)

The Public Assistance Program has approved 136 eligible requests for public assistance from local governments, state agencies and private, non-profit organizations. As of August 22, \$706,389 have been paid out.

As of August 21, a total of 7,495 North Dakotans registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) teleregistration center for individual assistance programs.

- The Disaster Housing Program has received 6,264 applications. To date, FEMA has paid more than \$9,203,679 in housing benefits and completed 5,963 home inspections.
- The Individual and Family Grant Program, administered by North Dakota Emergency Management, had received 2,476 applications and had approved \$1,716,424 in benefits by August 21.
- As of August 21, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 6,213 applications to disaster victims and has administered \$7,207,000 in loans.

The Satellite Disaster Field Office in Larimore will close on August 25.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: The Traill County Emergency Manager reported that on August 19, that the city of Hillsboro received approximately 2 inches of rain in 1.5 hours. The downpour overloaded the cities storm sewer system and caused streets to flood within the city.

On August 14, the U.S. Small Business Administration opened a disaster workshop in Fargo to complete loan applications and answer questions. The SBA makes loans available to cover uninsured or underinsured losses to real estate, personal belongings and business property when the President declares a disaster.

The North Dakota Department of Health will begin a surveillance and testing program to detect mosquito-transmitted encephalitis in the state. The testing is related to the recent heavy rains and the resulting abundance of mosquitoes. The goal of the program is early detection of the disease among humans and other animals

The U.S. Geological Survey reports that the wet conditions which have dominated the Devils Lake region since 1977 will continue for at least another decade.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a web page with cleanup and recovery information. The page is located at: <http://www.fema.gov/reg-viii/floods.htm>

Situation Reports published by North Dakota Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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